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Mr. Editor:

In this section of country the absorbing question has been, whether the Negro is constitutionally, and therefore irremediably, inferior to the whites intellectually; and we almost despaired because no intellectual giant would prove to the contrary, but the long, knotty problem is solved at last. On the 10th ult., Hon. Frederick Douglass spellbound multitudes of all shades and colors. Doubtless hundreds came more for curiosity than any thing else, but the next time they will come for another purpose. It was a wonderful phenomenon to see the great man cordially received by the city council. To say that he was kindly treated, and attentively listened to by the whites is not enough, but to affirm the same of the majority of our people is sheer folly. While he was speaking upon a sandy foundation, beneath an unclouded sky, our young gents and ladies preferred to dance two hundred yards from him, and inside of Floral Hall, on Fair Grounds, the "old folks" made so much noise devouring chicken and rattling dishes that one could scarcely hear what the good man was saying. He did not forget to tell them that they were more anxious to fill the lower than upper cavities. When I say that his speech was logically divided, grammatically connected, rhetorically beautified and elocutionally delivered, I have fallen far short of describing it, for it possessed that pathos, applicability and simplicity which none but a Douglass can produce. From the following it seems that he is considered in Berkley county the prince of orators, for it has been said (even by uncompromising democrats) that "No man can draw as large a crowd for our Agricultural Fair as Douglass; he possesses more magnetism than Blaine." It would be absolutely wrong for the writer of this to close without mentioning Prof. W. S. Montgomery, a graduate of Dartmouth' and Professor in Alcorn University, Mississippi; also H. P. Montgomery, Esq., supervising principal of public schools of Washington D. C,, who visited Martinsburg on the 7th inst., in the interest of their race. These gentlemen, spending a few purifying or recruiting weeks at Harper's Ferry, have an ample opportunity for doing much good where it is very much needed. Owing to the inclemency of the weather they had a good audience and seldom to say, good order. Professor W. S. Montgomery was introduced to the audience, and on this occasion, (as we hope he will on all future ones) he certainly possessed the presence of mind and the power of reasoning, which are rare accomplishments for young men now-a-days. Knowing the deficiencies and numerous wants of our people, and he being forewarned and forearmed, the professor had an excellent chance to carve his name in living green, high-up on the hill of science. After the professor had manfully mastered his subject, H. P. Montgomery was introduced. This gentleman who had "never made a speech" and was "only a five or ten minute Sabbath school talker" for forty-five minutes made rhetoric a whirlwind and logic fire. I venture to say that the people never listened to a more practical and enthusiastic speech. He made some strenuous efforts with soul-stirring courage, to impress upon his hearers the importance of a thorough and useful education—not a fashionable one which makes the lad wiser than pa, and the lass too refined to help ma. He would have the heart, the head and the hands thoroughly educated to all honorable labor. He thinks (as many others do) that time spent on those who have made little or no progress since the emancipation, is lost, but is in favor of toiling unceasingly for the young. There certainly is music, so to speak, in this gentleman and if you want to hear a production that will excel the Black Swan or Jenny Lind bring him out. A few more orators and our dogs will quit gapping and snapping. Don't forget that we intend to build a hotel.

Mr. Editor, a word or so about the general prosperity of our people and I shall have done. The watchfulness with which a portion of our race have guarded their liberty, striven for the educational acme and accumulated wealth and homes from dire chaos, has no parallel in history. Turned loose in ignorance and confined by malice as we were, who could have equaled us? Ah! there is, and has been, an Unseen Hand working in our favor. Our color was to have been a mill-stone about our necks, which sooner or later was to sink us into the stagnant waters of oblivion; but thank God, our watch-word is, and shall always shall be, onward and upward. The stagnant waters have partially dried up, and we now and then shake hands across the chasm.

J. R. CLIFFORD.

A Monument To Banneker.

SAN FRANCISCO.

July 30, 1879.

J. W. CROMWELL, ESQ.,

DEAR SIR: Through the courtesy of Mr. P. A. Bell of the *Elevator*, I had the pleasure of perusing your journal of June 26, in which I read an extract of your eloquent and truthful remarks concerning Benjamin Banneker, before the "Banneker Educational Association,"—the force and aptness of your speech reminds me of a circumstance that happened many years ago, which may not be uninteresting to your numerous readers.

In the year of 1844, a large and enthusiastic meeting of the colored citizens of Washington city was assembled in the Baptist church under the auspices of Henry Butler, W. H. Yates, Sampson Nettles and others to hear the memoir of Benjamin Banneker read by I. N. Cary, a document which had been obtained from the Maryland Historical Society through the kindness of the Hon. J. H. Latrobe.

Upon that occasion I had the honor of being the orator for the evening, and urged the importance and duty of the colored people to raise funds towards erecting a monument to that great astronomer and philosopher.

Subsequently several meetings for the same object were held in Washington and Baltimore. With what financial success I am unable to say, because soon after I left Washington for a residence in the North.

I have been induced to indite these lines to show that the colored people of Washington and her sister city were once alive to the necessity of perpetuating the memory of the first colored man who demonstrated to the world the capacity of the Negro race to penetrate the labyrinth of science.

I would respectfully suggest that the "Banneker Educational Association" inaugurate the work of rescuing the ashes of Banneker from its obscurity, and starting a subscription throughout the country towards erecting a monument in memory of his great name.

The colored people as a race have never manifested a becoming appreciation of their noted men who have made their mark upon the dial of the past. The bones of Attucks now lie mouldering in some almost unknown spot, while that of the hero Nat Turner mingles with the tangled wilderness of the Dismal Swamp.

If my suggestion is acceptable, you may command my humble services in any future action.

Respectfully,
W. H. HALL.

1227 Clay St.

Another Political Outrage.

WASHINGTON. D. C.
AUGUST 13TH., 1879.

To the Editor of People's Advocate:

Please allow me space to speak of the kindness of our republican administration towards one of the leading colored men of the South. This man of whom I speak, may well be called a representative of the colored people of his state, or *the* representative. They loved him, as the children of Israel loved Moses, and are equally as obedient to his race. He was elected from Dallas Co., Ala. for six years to the state legislature, four years to the state senate, during which time he was elected to Congress, and seated; and has been elected twice since, but counted out by what is known down South as the lightening committee, of the democratic party. After being counted out, he had the allot boxes seized by the United State's Marshal, and the democratic officers of the election brought before the court. After this act of manhood he had to escape for his life, after which time the democratic party got an indictment against him to keep him away from home. Since that time he has been residing in your city. He now has a contest before the the 46th Congress, and if decided justly, he will be seated, but the democratic party knows as much about justice as they do about love for the *union*; truth in politics, and that is but little.

During this year in Washington city, the administration thought it nothing but proper and its duty, to give this good and faithful servant something to do; so the appointment clerk of the Treasury department sent for this faithful servant on business; so on the 11th of Aug. 1879, he put in appearance at the appointment clerk's office, *and for what?* to be reformed that the Secretary had instructed the appointment clerk to appoint him a messenger in that department. This good and faithful servant said nothing, but quietly took his hat feeling much humiliated, and walked out. The offer of this position, I consider a high insult thrown in the teeth of the Republican party of the 4th district of Alabama, and I might say of the whole State. A few weeks ago a man from Mobile, Ala., an ex-rebel General, who has done all in his power to break down the party, has been appointed to a position, not as a watchman or messenger, but as a clerk with good pay.

This, Mr. Editor, is the kind of reward that the poor Negroes get for being true to the Republican party, but we shall try and stand it until old General Grant comes in again.

ALA.

There is a general delusion among the readers of colored newspapers (not excluding many subscribers of the ADVOCATE), that they are published for the good of the cause, rooms are voluntarily tendered us for offices, type and other material gratuitously furnished, reams of newspaper contributed without money and without price, while scores of idle printers are waiting round, ready to stand at the case "from morn till dewy eve"—just for the patriotic devotion to journalism in general, and that of the colored race in particular.

Business men and advertising agents all over the country are supposed to be pouring in advertisements, paying cash in advance at the highest metropolitan prices, while the editor is fancied to be a genius, fertile in intellectual resources with a philosophical mind undisturbed by apprehensions of collector's visits or undismayed by demands for this or that. It is under such circumstances that colored newspapers are springing up like mushrooms all over the country, with plenty of subscribers "to the most valuable journal of the times" ready to send in their names from all quarters of the Union. A few month's experience is sufficient to change all this, hence continual discontinuances of the one and suspensions of the other are constantly noted.

After three years' constant personal experience, our readers will permit us frankly to assure them that newspapers are attended with expense, that there are no free rooms, gift type and other material free of charge at our disposal, while no class of employe has a better right to be paid well and regularly than the printer.

Notwithstanding these facts there are whole families of individuals who postpone—almost indefinitely—the payment of their subscription to their paper until all the picnics are over in the summer, all the fairs are through in the winter—in fact until every other want is satisfied; these are generally the first to complain of the slightest irregularity, or to criticise the slightest shortcomings. Now, we intend short work with all such people, be they personal friends or foes.

Notwithstanding we appreciate the high estimate in which the ADVOCATE is held in many quarters and are assured that its efforts in certain directions have been duly regarded, we are not so patriotic or so much carried away with our notions of duty as to wholly disregard the manifest actions of the large class of people we now have in mind. Newspapers must be conducted on business principles. Colored papers have failed in the past because this fact was overlooked; they will fail in the future whenever this maxim is ignored. So much prefatory. The ADVOCATE has at present a subscription list more than large enough to ensure all its necessarily expenditures, editorial and mechanical. Starting in 1876, this has been accomplished after some hard work, at the sacrifice of more than a thousand dollars in money leaving us with a constitution very much impaired in health.

In this city alone, there are more than enough subscribers to pay fully one-half of current expenditures; although of constant readers belonging to separate households there are enough to meet all of its expenses, and enable its editor to give his entire time to its publication.

We appeal therefore, to all in arrears to pay promptly their dues, for their own sake as well as for ours.

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The same publishers have recently issued editions of *Chambers' Cyclopedia of English Literature*, 4 vols., $2.00, formerly sold in 2 vols., for $9.00; also, *Rollins' Ancient History*, and *Josephus' Works*, large type editions, for $2.25 and $2.00, and *Smith's Bible Dictionary*, $1.00.

They also publish, in August and September, the *Acme Library of Biography*, 12 vols., and the *Acme Library of Modern Classics*, 9 vols., the former at 35 cents and the latter at 50 cents per vol. In these series are presented such authors as Carlyle, Macaulay, Gibbon, Goldsmith, Lamartine, Michelet, Thomas Moore, Walter Scott, and Fouque, and such subjects as Cæsar, Cromwell, Burns, Joan of Arc, Vicar of Wakefield, Picciola, Lalla Rookh, &c. Full catalogue of publications, terms to clubs, &c., will be sent free on request by the publishers, the AMERICAN BOOK EXCHANGE, 55 BEEKMAN ST., N. Y.

As yet unlearned.

[From the Christian Recorder.]

Is Senator Bruce a color-linist? asks the New York *Progressive American*. Judging from what W. E. M., of the *People's Advocate*, says, we should not be surprised if he were; yet W. E. M. tells but one of the story, and we remember that there were two. Mr. Bruce is a Senator, and if he insists on keeping purely Senatorial company, we do not think he is to blamed. As we understand it, white Senators and their wives do not associate with the white school teachers of Washington. Why, then, should it be demanded of the colored ones? Neither do they associate with clerks of the second and third and fourth grade. Why demand such association of the colored ones? The fact is, we colored people have to learn to grant liberty of speech and action to one another as well as grant it to white men.

[The *Recorder* will stand a little correction, "W. E. M." is not of the PEOPLE'S ADVOCATE, we simply copied from the *St. Louis Tribune*. Hence "W. E. M." of the *Tribune*, would sound much better.—News Ed.]

The Georgia Chain-Gang.

There seems to be a general uprising in the interest of the repeal of the present chain-gang system. Meetings are being held and memorials are being sent in to the legislature. A few days more will tell whether our legislature is for God and humanity or not.—Ex.

THE PEOPLE' ADVOCATE.

SATURDAY, August 23, 1879.

J. W. CROMWELL, Editor and Proprietor.

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THE DUTY OF OUR CHURCHES TOWARDS COLORED MECHANICS.

Last Monday night, taking advantage of the inclemency of the weather "some" members of the committee of arrangements on the Asbury Church picnic solemly passed a resolution that in the future no printing should be given to the Enterprise Publishing Co., in which the proprietor of the ADVOCATE has a large interest, because in our last issue we said:

Asbury 11th and K, we find white brick-layers at work, opposite side where a private residence is building, we see only colored ones. Suppose private individuals followed out the policy of our public corporations where would our mechanics be?

No one attempted to deny the facts therein stated, but say they, "why did not the ADVOCATE first seek further information?" We reply that we had enough for our purpose. We saw who were and who were not employed on the brick work on the respective buildings, and this stubborn fact would not down; "but the white ones worked so many dollars cheaper." Oh, yes, and it is always so. There is not a colored mechanic in town who can not be under-bidden by white mechanics who in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred do not employ colored journeymen "on equal terms" or take colored apprentices. It is so in printing offices, with painters, plumbers, bricklayers, blacksmith, carpenters and undertakers. It is deemed economy by these committeemen under such circumstances to accept the cheaper bid; but our people will come upon reflection to look upon it as a "penny-wise-pound-foolish," and suicidal policy—pound foolish, because with the work in the hands of colored mechanics more than the difference in prices, would go back to the church treasury from these mechanics, who make up the congregation and support the church, than in the other instance—suicidal. because it is a policy that tends to break up every colored mechanic by putting him in competition with white trades-unions, old established firms and combinations backed by thousands of dollars.

Let us turn to the example of two sister churches: The Berean Church is the first in point. When this new organization was created, it was jeered at as having nothing in common with the masses, as a set of aristocrats—in fact something was whispered about a "blue veined" church among the other devilish lies set on foot at the time; but over against these slanders stands the Berean Church, possibly the only "post bellum" colored church built almost if not entirely by colored mechanics. Was it any wonder that such a large collection was raised at the laying of the corner stone?

Look next at Israel C. M. E. Church: It occupies probably the most prominent site in the city, and taken in connection with the history of the organization of which it is the metropolitan representative, its location is both significant and suggestive. It is the child of the Southern in contradistinction to the Northern M. E. Church, and yet could analogy go further and suggest a more fitting illustration of the practices of the two denominations outside of the abstract of African slavery? Behold at the child of the despised Southern church, which we speak of as the "rebel" denomination. colored mechanics at work, not merely on a small bit of painting, but on work generally—whatever there is to do—with plenty of room for employesof the M. E. church!

Let us look elsewhere. Five weeks ago in the city of Lynchburg we found ourselves on the site of that fatal catastrophe (the First Colored Baptist Church) where one year since so many lives were hurled into eternity. A new building is being erected, which for its architectural beauty and interior arrangements has been admired far and wide as an ornament to the city and state. It is the work of colored mechanics under the intelligent direction of a member of the congregation, himself a master builder. Against his employment, white contractors and builders combined, but the church was true to itself, and under Mr. wilson's management at least $5,000 will be saved with no extras to throw in. As a model specimen of brick work, the arch-way was pointed out by our guide, Prof. Jones, as the work of a colored young man from washington. Had that young man had been here, what chance would he have stood for employment? Let these same gentlemen of the committee answer.

We do not intend any unfair comparisons by citing the cases of these churches. We had no intention, certainly no desire to go into this business. We advocate the policy as a matter of principle. We are aiming at racial development, and this can only be done in the way we indicate. we feel that the practice applies as much against St. Luke's P. E., Second, central and Fifth Baptist churches as against Asbury. If any are offended, we are sorry; but we insist, if this policy (i. e. of buying in the cheapest market) was carried out by private individuals what would become of our colored mechanics?

As far as this bull-dozing about printing is concerned, we rejoice that this "cut off-your-nose-to spite your-face" policy has no charms for all the organizations and individuals of washington.

we "still breathe the vital air" and it may be, that we will live long enough to see these same gentlemen behold the ridiculous position into which they have placed themselves.

We know nothing of the circumstances related by "ALA." It may be that the Appointment Clerk. at the instruction of the Secretary, did what our correspondent says; and the applicant did right to refuse the proffered honor; but has the gentleman the clerical qualifications to fill a higher position with credit? A colored gentleman who held high official position in the South was tendered an important desk in one of the departments, but owing to a lack of proficiency in the three R's, he had to decline it. We want positions for our men, not only suited to their dignity but in which they can display their ability. Better far that a man should worthily fill a messengership than disgrace a clerkship; he may have been a legislator, and it also may be that as such he was out of his sphere of usefulness. When our representative men have at least the rudiments of a common school education well grounded in them, their positions will not be reflected upon by the offerring of any such places as messengerships.

At the sight of no new exchange have we been more favorably impressed than with "The Indianapolis Leader," a paper just published by J. D. Bagby & Co., of Indianapolis. We are pleased because of its typographical appearance and of the ability and judgment characterizing its initial number, and of which there is abundant promise for the future. One of the most encouraging signs of the times, in fact, the light behind the cloud is the appearance all over the country journals managed by men of our race who have brains and the determination to use them for the upbuilding of their people in all that promotes a sound, hearty and national development.

If the Washington correspondent of "The Indianapolis Leader" is "neither to eat, sleep nor drink till Prof. Sampson is corraled, and it is is ascertained whether he is our handsomest man. We pity that correspondent, for J. P. gave our city a wide berth years since, but as he lately caught one of the prettiest of Washington's daughters way down South and took her for his wife, he may call to see us some more, one of these days.

Wm. P. Powell died recently in California. He was one of the most prominent colored men of the Pacific Coast. He was a native of New York, in which city he was proprietor of a Seaman's Boarding House. Mr. P. travelled extensively in Europe, Asia and Africa. At the time of his demise, he was connected with the *Elevator*.

Somebody desires us to oblige him by making the announcement that the Asbury pic-nic to Highland Park takes place next Wednesday. Nothing gives us greater pleasure than to be *requested* to do this favor. We do it *heartily*.

"Meditations" by Mrs. Maria W. Stewart is the title of an interesting pamphlet to be out in a few weeks. We had intended a lengthy notice of it this week, but we must forbear until our next issue.

The murder of H. M. Dixon, the late Independent Candidate for Sheriff in Yazoo county, Mississippi, is but retributive justice. He led in the bull-dozing of colored men who asserted their political rights, and he now falls by the same methods.

Let those of the Committee on Excursions, who are opposed to our doing their printing, at the next meeting also resolve in the future not "to hand round the hat" to any of the staff of the ADVOCATE when next soliciting subscriptions or taking up collections.

Our readers will be glad to hear more of Mr. Clifford. He is principal of the Colored School of Martinsburg West Virginia, and a graduate of Storer College.

The "Leader" is a stalwart. It believes in the power of the Nation (big N.), and reading between the lines we judge that it also believes, at least, in the American-Negro (big N. als Brother Bagby.)

Our people, regardless of denominations, wish Rev. H. M. Brown a safe voyage across the Atlantic. Rev. T. McCants Stewart pays him a glowing tribute in the last issue of the *Recorder*.

Let the BANNEKER EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION note Mr. Hall's letter. We should have at least one monument to the memory of Benjamin Banneker—if not a shaft, at least a memorial institute.

THE DESIDERATUM.

Mr. Arthur St. A. Smith will send to the colored press throughout the country the following circular letter:

WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENCE AND NEWS BUREAU,

WASHINGTON, D. C., *August* 25, 1879.

MR. EDITOR: I am about to establish the "Washington Correspondence and News Bureau," an institution similar and parallel to the "Associated Press Agency," which I have long considered a desideratum among Negro news papers; and I write to ask if you will not engage the Bureau to furnish your paper with fresh and reliable matter in good, readable shape. I believe that such news from this National Standpoint would greatly enhance the value and usefulness of your paper and tend to enlarge its circulation, to say nothing of the effect the institution will have on the Country and especially upon our people. Of course, my dear sir, my success in this enterprise is dependent upon your individual, journalistic and financial support. If you desire to engage us please forward credentials as the "Washington Correspondent and Reporter" for *your* paper. I am, &c

ARTHUR St. A. SMITH,
610 D Street, N. W.

This supplies a long felt need. Mr. Smith has quite an experience as a journalist, and we cheerfully commend him to the craft. We think he will put the cost for services of this institution within range of all enterprising news papers.

N LETTER FROM CARRIE.

August 13, 1879.

DEAR CORDELIA:

I have wished for you often during the past week; wished that you were here, for I know you would enjoy the weather we are having at present. It is so cool that I expect each day to bear of the return of our friends who have been rusticating, for, I know they are not one whit cooler in the country or on the seaside than we are at present in the city, (private consolation for not being able to go away). Speaking of rusticating, the jolliest party of which I have heard is at Harper's Ferry; they are having a ceaseless round of fun, playing jokes, croquet, games, etc., even have "Pinafore" for the amusement of the staid elders belonging to the party. They went for a good time and, are not being disappointed.

Cordelia, toe "board" met last night.

There, don't be agitated. I know how you feel when you hear the work, board.

Well, this has reference to the School board and some of them prove to us without a doubt that they not only belong to a board, but that the most important part of their anatomy is manufactured of a board.

Very important business was DISPERSED OF—we know it—The Man-who-bullies-the-women was placed where he would do the least harm, viz: on the most important committees. It is best when forming these committees, to have one or two persons who will occupy for obvious reasons, an elevated position, politically speaking, on the fence, and who will always descend with great dignity, to a seat with the majority.

Of course such persons are mere ciphers when a discussion arises, but, become important when a demand for yeas and nays is made; though I should get tired telegraphing with fingers or eyes or both to each member, to learn upon which side to vote.

However, the ladies will not be at all alarmed upon the reappearance of the G. M. upon the scene of action; he is perfectly harmless; his fangs have been drawn, his aggressive qualities have been literally swallowed up be his fear (now much fear he must have.)

His old friend, Pru(e)-Dent-i (she)-a (are) called him to account in a very paternal or rather maternal way; he, rather she said, "My Dear Mogie, (pet name) I hear that you have been bulling the teachers, intimidating parents and scaring the children out of their wits. Complaints have been made, not to the Society for the Prevention of cruelty to children, but to me; these complaints have been frequent and bitter, and if it were not that you are so useful, I should displace you.

Therefore, this noble (?) man with righteous indignation rolled up his eyes and exclaimed, "Thus are our actions misinterpreted by our enemies!" He then went on further to state, that if his actions had been obnoxious in the past, he would certainly with the help—anybody, improve in the future.

If this promise be fulfilled, he will amount to about as much as a well-trained parrot or a helpless sort of imbecile. Wonders will never cease.

I learned from the report on school matters that we are to have a normal school. I am very glad, we certainly need one.

I should like so much to see our High School conducted according to our plan, viz; have each study or, if not a sufficient number of teachers, two studies taught by the teacher who is most proficient in that or those studies; thereby marking each teacher-thorough and complete in her line of instruction. She, instead of harassing her brain with eight or nine text-books upon different studies, could select five or six standard works on the same study, and cull from them various ideas about that study, therefore making herself more thorough and being able to instruct her classes in a more general and complete manner.

Our children's ideas are too cramped and narrow under the present method, they remember a few facts from the text-books, but ask them the simplest sort of question, not in those books and they stare as if they thought you were demented.

I wish that method would be tried in the High School, it would certainly give its energetic little principal some peace of mind and, I think she would like the change if provided with assistants who will work well.

Turvy-drop is appointed in Pecksniff's place.

I shall always try to keep you informed of the doings of this interesting body, so, don't worry.

Yours,

CARRIE.

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY

for September has sufficient variety to satisfy all classes of readers. It opens with an exceedingly interesting article on "Cæsar's Art of War and of Writing," which ranks him among the greatest of captains and of writers. Prof Shaler has an engaging essay on "The Use of Numbers in Society." John Watts Kearny, of Kentucky, contributes the second paper on "American Finances from 1789 to 1835." Wilson Flagg discourses both wisely and pleasantly of "Songs and Eccentricities of Birds." Rev. J H Ward, under the title "A Tennysonian Retrospect," gives a sketch of the laureate's remarkable poetical career. Richard Grant White, in continuation of his papers on England, writes of the "Nobility and Gentry," defining who belong to each class and the proper titles of each division of the class. T S Perry gathers from wide reading interesting facts in regard to "Mountains in Literature." "Irene the Missionary" continues to be one of the best serial stories lately published in an American magazine. "The Race and why Yale lost it," will interest Harvard Yale and other boating lovers. A paper on "Recent Novels" is an excellent specimen of the noble criticism the Atlantic secures. The short story of the number is "Miss Magdalena Peanuts," by Phœbe Yates Pember. Poems by Edgar Fawcett, Miss L w Backus, Ernest Dale Owen, Mrs. Piatt, and C P Cranch; a noticeable article on "Story Paper Literature," by w H Bishop, author of "Detmold;" a brilliant Contributors' Club; and reviews of several important new books, and complete a thoroughly good number of this thoroughly good magazine.

PHILADELPHIA NOTES.

BY HOWARD.

Shiloh Excursion.

Shiloh Sunday School gave, on Thursday the 7th, a large excursion to Lakeside Park. There were about a thousand present, prominent among whom were Messrs Crevin, Birchett and familes, Messrs. Thomas Allmond, George Cooper, Samuel Kenton and ladies, Messrs. J Adger, J Howe, W Page, W Morris, J Lowe, G Bundy, J Mortimer, S Carter, Wm Potter Jr, S Potter, J McKenny, M Churchill, C Moore, R C Lewis of *Recorder*, and among the ladies were Misses C Cooper, E Marriott, J Songou, L Adger, C Waters, F Smith, E Dunbar, M Potter, L Teagle, G Dover, Mrs. Allen, Smith, Bolland, Williams, Wilson, Scott, Wood, La Combe and many others who, notwithstanding the bad weather, were well pleased with the many pleasures to be found in the park.

Morris Brown Mission gave an excursion to Rockland on the 7th, which was well attended. but the rain in the afternoon spoiled the day's pleasure.

Union Baptist Sunday School gave an excursion on Thursday, July 31st, which was well attended.

The Union Association on Thursday, the 7th, held a memorial meeting at Central Presbyterian Church in memory of their late member, Miss Martha Armstead. The meeting consisted of speaking, reading and singing. Several pieces of prose and poetry being composed for the occasion. Among those who took part were Messrs Jones, Jenkins and other gentlemen and lady members of the association. Owing to the inclemency of the weather the audience was small.

Notwithstanding the change in the atmosphere Atlantic City was filled to repletion last week.

The Grey Invincibles intend to have a grand time in the latter part of this month. They intend to give a grand excursion on the 28th. Several companies have been invited: Attucks Guards, of St. Louis, Mo.; the Palmer Guards, of Columbus, Ohio, companies from Norfolk, Richmond, Lynchburg, Petersburg, also G. A. R. Posts 270, 80, 103 of Philadelphia. The company from Norfolk having signified their intention to come, they will be received on Wednesday morning. During the day the Greys and visiting companies will have a drill at the Permanent Exhibition grounds. Other visiting companies will be received that night. On arriving at Cape May they will have grand parade, company drill and skirmish drill. To all wishing to dance the ball room of the Sea Breeze Hotel will be thrown open, with a select orchestra gratis to participants. Tickets, $1.25, to be had of the committee at Post 270, Market Street wharf at 7 p. m. sharp.

NORFOLK LETTER.

The grand musical soiree given at the Bute Street Baptist church on Tuesday night last, by the Norfolk Alpine Glee Club assisted by Prof H M Baker, and Mr. Wm L Copeland, of Portsmouth, was a decided success. The singing was excellent, especially "Mail O'Dundee," by Miss Sally Davis, who displayed wonderful musical talent which for a time seemed to hold her audience spellbound; also "Waiting," by Miss Laura E Davis, could not have been bettered. The "Larboard Watch" by Messrs Copeland and Whitebury was well rendered and reflects much credit upon those two gentlemen. Prof H M Baker presided at the piano in his usual accomplished manner. The whole was a rich musical treat.

It is rumored that quite recently the [illegible] of one of our prominent Baptist church [illegible] chased from the church meeting hatless and coatless, to remain outside until the tumult had subsided, when he obtained his hat and coat and quietly walked home whistling, "In the Sweet Bye and Bye."

The terrific storm of Monday last caused a very great loss and destruction of property and crops in and around the city.

The annual picnic and excursion of the Bute and Bank Street Baptist Sabbath Schools to the National Soldier's Home was quite an enjoyable affair, and a great many availed themselves of the opportunity to visit that beautiful place.

The Bute Street A M E Church has been furnished with a new and substantial stairway, also a set of new front doors which add a neat and stately appearance.

OCCASIONAL.

BALTIMORE LETTER.

Thursday last was a high day with the Good Samaritans of this city and State. At 11 o'clock a delegation of the home organization headed by the Monumental band marched to the Baltimore and Ohio Depot and met a large body of visiting Good Samaritans from Frederick and other places on the Baltimore and Ohio Road who came down in a special train of twelve coaches accompanied by over five hundred excursionists. They proceeded to the temple on Calvert Street where a grand banquet was served and addresses delivered. In the afternoon the different orders participated in a parade through the different streets, turning out about four hundred men and accompanied by two bands, Johnson's and a band from Liberty. At night a levee was held at the temple, and Isaac Myers, Esq., presided. Speeches were made by the Revs. B F Lane, C P Keys and R K Carroll. Their report shows that they have seventy-eight lodges in the different States numbering 3,000 members; that they have paid out for benevolent purposes over $13,000; that they own a temple which cost them $20,000, and that they have a bank account of $20,000.

The chorister boys of St. James entertained their many friends very handsomely yesterday at Hall Spring. The music by C stons as usual was grand. Everybody was delighted, and all enjoyed themselves.

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—Rev. H. M. Browne left for Pittsburgh on Wednesday evening. Will return before leaving for to ur through Europe.

—Miss Martha Matthews has returned from Harper's Ferry, where she has been rusticating since the close of the school term. Miss Martha, the "Petite Pocahontas" of a few months ago, is now the bouncing rival of Barnum's best specimen of female avoirdupois.

—Heretofore it has bee n the custom of the colored school teachers to meet only the members of the Sub-Board of Trustees. But now they will be required to meet the entire Board. So much for the new order of things. Verily, we progress.

—Brother John Brooks' Church, which has so long remained in an unfinished state, is now being rapidly pushed to completion.

—The Nineteenth Street Baptist Church excursion to Occoquan Falls has been postponed till Monday, August 25.

—Senator Bruce was at the Treasury on Wednesday and Thursday, to call on the Acting Commissioner of Internal Revenue in reference to some changes in appointments in Mississippi. He will wait until the return of the Commissioner.

—Mr. Daniel Ford, the father of Mrs. Geo. Matthews and Miss Lulie Ford, died at his residence on Ninth street, at 4 o'clock Sunday morning, and was buried from the Union Bethel Church on Tuesday. He was 60 years of age. Mr. Ford was a fireman in Winder's building. He leaves a family entirely dependent. Common usage and sympathy would allow his son to succeed him; and if he were white, he would do so; but being black, it is otherwise.

—Our genial friend, Mr. Spencer Murray, will embark and sail into the sea of matrimony with Miss Maggie Myers on the 10th of September. Bon voyage.

—On Tuesday and Wednesdry nights Miss Crier gave a concert at Ebenezer Church for the benefit of the School and Church. It was attended with success.

—L. G. Fletcher, who was reported dead, we are glad to say is convalescing.

—The First Baptist Church of Georgetown has just completed some extensive repairs.

—Mount Zion Sabbath School will have their quarterly sermon preached to them on to-morrow by Rev. J. W. Dansbury.

—Miss Rosetta E. Coakley returns home to-day.

—Mr. Alex. M. Allen is in town, on a visit to his friends.

—Miss Sarah Thompson, who has been spending the summer in Georgetown with her friend, Mrs. Mary Ann Watkins, left Wednesday for her home in Staunton, Va.

—Mr. Clem. Morgan, of Georgetown, a graduate of the Miner School, left on Monday for St. Louis, where he will take charge of a school.

—Rev. Brodie is at Cecilton, Md.

—H. B Abrahams is touring it through the North.

—The citizens of the West End are preparing for a mass meeting, to consider the trusteeship question. So says the *National Republican*.

—On account of incessant rains last Monday, the excursion to Occoquan Falls by the Nineteenth Street Church was postponed. On Monday next the steamer Mary Washington will sail for the Falls with our Nineteenth Street Church friends. Let there be a liberal patronage.

—The "Enterprise Building Company" commences work, under very favorable auspices, on the 2d of September. A permanent organization will be perfected.

—Prof Greener will also take the stump in Ohio.

Church, last Sabbath morning, is spoken of as an able one.

—Bethel Sunday School has in print a neat pamphlet of twenty pages, containing the addresses in memory of the life and services of John F Wright. Mr Wright was a worthy young man, and everybody should buy a copy of the pamphlet. They are 15 cents a copy.

—Mr M M Holland left the city last Monday for Ohio, to take part in the forthcoming campaign. He takes the stump under the direction of the State Central Committee.

—On the 15th the concert which was to have taken place at John Wesley Church was postponed on account of the weather.

—Wm H Bell has gone to St Louis.

—Peter Ogden Lodge G U O of O F will give their first entertainment of the season at Van Ness Garden on Monday, September 1st. A large attendance is expected.

—The Centennial Excursion to Hyland-Park Tuesday, 19th, was a success.

—The Misses Mamie and Clara Ford of Baltimore are visiting this the guest of Mrs. Aaron Russell, 1219 4th street, n. w.

—Messrs Daniel G Stewart and w C Chase have returned from Harper's Ferry.

—Wm E Taliaferro is dangerously ill at his residence in South Washington.

—Our good citizen, Daniel W. Lewis, esq. leaves the city to attend the Second Annual Educational Association of Northeastern Virginia, which convened on the 18th inst., at Warrenton, Va.

—Messrs. Wm. C. Chase and Daniel G. Stewart have recuperated at Harper's Ferry. We may look for a graphic description of that old historical place.

—Dr. T. Graham Dorsey and lady will not leave the city this season. They will remain at their hospitable residence, 400 B street, s. e.

It is announced that the Boston *Co-operator* will resume publication next week, with Howard L. Smith managing editor. Dr. Bagwell is in this city and will remain sometime. Mr. William C. Chase will continue as Washington correspondent.

GEORGETOWN DOTS.

—The Allen class of Ebenezer A. M. E. Sabbath school, held its grand review on the 18th inst., in the audience room of the church at 6:30 o'clock. Only a few invited guests were present. The exercises were conducted by the Misses E. Nash and M. Curtis, which consisted of essays and declamations. Prof. Tyler presided at the organ. Short addresses were delivered by D. B. Lee and and J. C Beckett. The guest were invited to the basement where their teacher, Mr. J. F. Waters gave them a grand reception.

—The Mt. Zion Church and school will give a grand excursion to Highland Park on the B. & O. R. R., Tuesday, August 26th inst. The National Band has been engaged for the occasion. Round trip tickets, 50 cents; children, 25 cents. Trains leave the depot at 8:45, a. m., and 4:35, p. m.

—The Ebenezer A. M. E. Sunday school will have a rally on to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Union Bethel school of Washington has been invited and will be present and take part in the singing. All are invited to be present.

—Sunday morning, July 20, I visited the three Sunday Schools in Georgetown. Mount Zion M E was the first visited, and is held in the main audience room of the Church, which is a very pleasant room. The school had just been opened, and the little ones were crowding in, so very soon the teachers were at work. The school has 22 teachers and 250 scholars. The International lessons are taught, the school using the Journal, Berean Leaf, and blackboard. The officers are; Superintendent, Joseph N Williams; Assistant Superintendent, John Lee; Female Superintendent, Miss Esther Lewis; Secretary, Miss Mary L Beason; Assistant Secretary, Miss Katie H Alexander; Treasurer, William Bailey; Librarian, Miss Harriet Beason; Chorister, A S Parrot; Organist, James L Turner. Ebenezer A M E School was the next visited. The School was organized June 10, 1857; has 22 teachers and 140 scholars. The International lessons are taught, the school using the Journal, Berean Lesson Leaf, Leaf Cluster, and the Calvary and Turner catechisms. The school holds two sessions, the one in the afternoon having the largest attendance. The infant class is taught by Shreeves, the pastor's wife, assisted by Miss Fannie Becket. The officers of the school are: Superintendent, Joseph C Becket, Assistant Superintendent, David B Lee; Secretary, Miss Ella Nash; Treasurer Mrs Julia Green; Librarian, Miss V Johnson; Chorister, Albert Butler; organist, Miss M E Tilghman. First Baptist School, organized November, 1862. I found here a large number of little ones and workers busy instructing. The school has 18 teachers and 180 scholars. The International lessons are taught, using "Our Children's Picture Paper" and "The Light n n." The school holds two sessions. The officers are: Superintendent, Thornton Yates; Assistant Superintendent, Charles M Pryor; Secretary, Miss Sarah Williams; Treasurer, Levi Finney; Librarian, Hamilton Vass; Chorister, J T A Lane, Jr.; Organist, William Brown. Although of three distinct denominations, these three schools form a perfect union, and are together doing a great work—having the hearty co-operation of pastors and parents of little ones. I had the pleasure of seeing this proved at the presentation of a library and blackboard to the Ebenezer School on Monday evening, July 28. The Church was crowded, and every one seemed deeply interested in the affair, which was throughout creditable to all concerned.

ALEXANDRIA, August 20, 1879.

To the Editor of Poeple's Advocate:

SIR: As the Superintendent of Schools informs me that he has requested Mr. A W Harris to lay the charges he has given to the public before the City School Board of Alexandria, promising him a thorough investigation and ample opportunity to prove them if he can, it is unnecessary for me to make any further reply to that person's card than to say that I am ready to meet them. As to the fact he mentions about our girls failing in the examination, I can show by the Superintendent's records that a graduate of the Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute made no better percentage than they did, and that of two students of Howard University who presented themselves one stood only eight per cent. above and the other three per cent. below them.

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Lippincott's Magazine.

Lippincott's Magazine for September has three beautifully illustrated articles, all well suited to the season. The concluding paper on "Catskill and the Catskill Region" breathes the very spirit of that "land of mountains and of fell;" L Lejeune gives a sprightly account of the fashionable French watering place, Trouville; and Dr Felix L Oswald continues his entertaining Summerland Sketches. "An Ascent of the Matterhorn," by Charles P Howard, gives a vivid account of the perilous climbing practiced by adventurous Alpine tourists; while "Woman's position in Germany," by Marriott Pyne, presents a picture of domestic life that contrast strangely with American customs and ideals. John Austen Stevens discusses the character of Marie Antoinette in conjunction with the careers of her two favored and ill-fated admirers, Lauzun and Fersen, names that have a place in American as well as European history. Mrs. Mary Treat's "Notes on the Intelligence of Birds" exhibit close and sympathetic observation, and "A Grand Council at Okmulgee," by A M Williams, brings up the question of the capacity of the Red Indian to civilization in a form that deserves attention. There are several stories in the number—"His New Birth," a graphic sketch of life and manners in Colorado, "My Husband's Hobbies," a satire on "Collectors," "Mr Carmichael's Conversion." "Through Winding Ways" approaches completion, and the interest is well sustained in the present instalment. The "Gossip" is full of bright and entertaining papers, including a discussion of "Picnics," "The New Crusade" against the Jews, "Woman Suffrage in Wyoming Terri-

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